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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: ALKALI FUEL CELL UNAFFECTED BY CARBONATION

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the June 13, 2008 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 11-20 are pending in this application.

I. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103

A. Landsman in view of Quinn and Herman

The Office Action rejects claims 11-13 and 15-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,480,735 to Landsman et al. ("Landsman") in view of Quinn et al., Journal of Membrane Science 131 1997, 49-60 ("Quinn") and Herman et al., Journal of Membrane Science 218 2003, 147-63 ("Herman"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 11 recites, "Alkali fuel cell comprising a solid stack consisting of a first electrode, a solid membrane conducting hydroxide ions and a second electrode, each electrode comprising an active layer that is in contact with the solid membrane, wherein the material forming the active layer of each electrode comprises at least an catalytic element, an